

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01

A RESOLUTION of the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County, Washington, amending and restating prior Resolution 97-5 regarding the Greater Wenatchee Bicycle Advisory Board, describing its constitution and duties with regard to bicycling.

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a popular and viable means of personal transportation; and

WHEREAS, the role of the bicycle as a mode of personal transportation will continue to increase in importance in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and County Commissioners intend that the comprehensive bikeway plan be implemented in order to promote the use of bicycling as a mode of urban transportation in incorporated and unincorporated areas of Chelan County; and

WHEREAS, the Wenatchee Loop Trail is an established and heavily used route for recreation and transportation and there is a need for other safe and convenient bicycle access routes to be developed; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion, limited parking facilities, increasing fuel costs, concern for personal health, and energy shortages have combined to make the bicycle an increasingly attractive alternative to the use of the automobile; and

WHEREAS, promoting the safety and well-being of those who use bicycles for all transportation purposes is a responsibility of the County and City; and

WHEREAS, the active involvement of the bicycle enthusiasts in the form of an organized board to advise municipal authorities is vital to insure proper development of the bicycling environment and any comprehensive bikeway plans in and around the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and County Commissioners jointly created the Greater Wenatchee Bicycle Advisory Board in prior Resolution 97-5; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and County Commissioners desire to amend and restate prior Resolution 97-5 with regard to the constitution and duties of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CHELAN, DO HEREBY RESOLVE TO AMEND AND RESTATE PRIOR RESOLUTION NO. 97-5 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I Board - Established

There is hereby established for the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County a citizen's advisory board to be known as the Greater Wenatchee Bicycle Advisory Board.

SECTION II Appointment – Composition and Terms

1. The board shall consist of seven voting members.
2. The Board shall be composed of:
 - a. Individuals who have an interest in bicycling for recreational or transportation purposes, transportation safety and economic diversification as may be evidenced by their training, experience and/or actions.
 - b. Individuals with knowledge of the community and a willingness to commit the necessary time to serve the community.
 - c. Individuals residing from as evenly dispersed geographic areas as possible representing the City of Wenatchee and the areas surrounding the City including unincorporated areas of Chelan and Douglas Counties and the City of East Wenatchee. Representatives of the City of Wenatchee and Chelan County shall regularly participate as nonvoting members in the proceedings.
3. All board members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Wenatchee City Council subject to the confirmation by the Chelan County Board of Commissioners. If no objection is made by the County Commission within twenty days of notice to the County of the appointment, the appointment shall be deemed confirmed. To be effective an objection must be made by a majority of the Commission.
4. All requests for appointments and re-appointments to a board position shall be in writing.
5. The board terms and positions shall be as follows:
 - a. Positions 1 and 2 shall be appointed for terms expiring December 31, 2011.
 - b. Positions 3, 4 and 5 shall be appointed for terms expiring December 31, 2010.
 - c. Positions 6 and 7 shall be appointed for terms expiring December 31, 2009.
6. All subsequent appointments, except for vacancies, shall be for three year terms.
7. Vacancies occurring other than through expiration of terms shall be filled for the remainder of the term of the member being replaced.
8. No member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms. If a member is appointed to fill an unexpired term of one year or less, that term shall not count as a full term.
9. Members of the board shall reveal all potential conflicts of interest due to membership or employment by other entities and shall recuse themselves from discussion and decision making concerning issues for which a conflict exists.
10. No member of the board shall receive compensation for services performed.

11. The position of a member shall be forfeited and become vacant upon three consecutive unexcused absences from regular board meetings.
12. Members of the board may be removed by the Mayor, with concurrence of the City Council for neglect of duty, conflict of interest, and malfeasance in office or for other just cause.

SECTION III Officers, Meetings, Bylaws and Quorum

1. The board shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary to serve one year terms. At the conclusion of the term, the vice chairperson assumes the position of chairperson and a new vice chairperson shall be elected. The chairperson will preside at all meetings, preserve order and decorum, enforce the rules and regulations of the board, sign all letters and documents as authorized by the board and as prescribed by law and will otherwise perform the duties evolving upon a presiding officer.
2. In the event the chairperson is absent, the vice chairperson shall fill the role of the chairperson.
3. The secretary prepares the meeting minutes and provides a summary to the City Council and County Commissioners. Copies are also provided to members and for the City website. The City and County will provide technical support, postage, and copying as may be required.
4. In the event that both the chairperson and vice chairperson are absent, an acting chairperson may be elected by a majority vote from the remaining board members present for the purpose of representing the board and conducting business.
5. The board shall meet every other month unless the chairperson determines that no meeting is necessary. Special board meetings may be held as often as determined necessary by the board. All meetings shall be open to the public.
6. The board may adopt bylaws, as necessary, to enable the board to more efficiently conduct business and fulfill its primary purposes. Such bylaws shall be approved by the City Council and confirmed by the County Commission.
7. A majority of the currently appointed board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; provided that a minimum of three board members are present.
8. Board member participation in meetings via telephone conference call is allowed if the member: Is out of the local area and is unable to attend the meeting; and prearranges the use of telephone conference equipment and the equipment is capable of allowing each of the members participating to hear each other simultaneously. During the meeting, the chairperson shall recognize the board member(s) participating via telephone conference call by name for each of their interactions including discussions and votes.

SECTION IV Duties and Responsibilities of the Board

1. The board shall serve the following purposes and functions:

- a. To advise the City Council, County Commissioners, Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council and all departments and offices of the City and County on matters related to bicycling in and around Wenatchee including the impact City and County actions may have upon bicycling.
- b. To develop and propose recommended routes for bicycling in and around Wenatchee.
- c. To develop and review proposals and plans for spot improvements and bikeways.
- d. To promote improved safety and bicycle acceptance through educational efforts aimed at both cyclists and the general public.
- e. To gather, prepare and refer to design standards and other criteria that relate to bicycling safety, both for the participants and the general public, as well as security for equipment and convenience of use.
- f. To promote bicycling as a viable form of urban transportation as well as a recreational pursuit in the greater Wenatchee area.
- g. To promote the local observance of Bike Month with an official proclamation.
- h. To provide review and advisory opinions of bicycling related proposals in areas within and surrounding the city at the request of the City Council, County Commissioners and Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council. The board's function for these issues will be specific to the proposal and the request for review.
- i. To perform such other functions as may be directed by the City Council or County Commissioners from time to time.
- j. To forward communications and recommendations to the City Council, County Commissioners, Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council, City and County staff or other agencies as may be appropriate.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENTACHEE at a regular meeting thereof, this 8
day of Jan, 2009.

CITY OF WENTACHEE, a municipal Corporation

By: Dennis Johnson
DENNIS JOHNSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki Reister
VICKI REISTER, CMC, Clerk

Approved by:

STEVE D. SMITH, City Attorney

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELAN COUNTY at a regular meeting thereof, this ____
____ day of _____, 2009.

CHELAN COUNTY, a municipal Corporation

By: _____
BUELL HAWKINS, Commissioner

CHELAN COUNTY, a municipal Corporation

By: _____
RON WALTER, Commissioner

CHELAN COUNTY, a municipal Corporation

By: _____
KEITH GOEHNER, Commissioner